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3 1 him, had nothing to do with him, yet an article actually hit the internet and made its rounds on WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TALK 3 social media after the fact. Three Outstanding interviews with Scott Turner, That was an article the was put out by a Terry McLaurin and Dan Snyder's attorney, company that we believe is a sort of corruptive plus, Reuben Foster information machine, serving as a higher gun to conceal bitters. We have sued that company in India. They've Podcast interview of JOSEPH TACOPINA by JP FINLAY 9 since removed the article, of course. They said, "Oh, 10 10 there was some mistakes in reporting." I mean, that's 11 not-- you know, mistakes in reporting is saying he 12 12 was born in '65 as opposed to '66. That's a mistake 13 14 13 in reporting. Mistake in reporting is not like 15 14 linking someone to Jeffrey Epstein and calling 15 someone a pedophile when you have a, you know, family 17 16 and children and a wife who has to (inaudible) this. We believe there's, obviously, people behind 19 18 that who had their own purposes for doing it. And 20 Job: 315770 19 this legal action that we brought, not only the 21 Pages: 1 - 19 20 defamation lawsuit, but the 1782 federal court action 22 Transcribed by: Steph Mistele 21 of the United States seeking evidence-- documentary 22 evidence, sworn testimony, to really uncover who's 4 1 behind the scenes, who's pulling the strings, that PROCEEDINGS got these articles printed. JP FINLAY: Okay, we are very pleased to welcome 3 The legal action, we believe, will pierce the in Joe Tacopina, who is the attorney for Dan Snyder 4 cloak of anonymity that this Meaww company, this in litigation, defamation lawsuits against some wild media company from India, has used to protect rumors that were spread after the Washington Post--6 nefarious clients. or maybe even before the Washington Post report came So, that's what this is about. out about sexual harassment inside the Washington 8 JP FINLAY: So, who do you think is doing it? Football Team organization. 9 JOE TACOPINA: Well, we know that the person in 10 Joe, I'm going to stop trying to talk because  ${\tt I}$ 10 the front of some of this bidding was this Mary Ellen 11 am bad when it gets into the nitty gritty of legal 11 Blair, a former disgruntled employee, who we filed a 12 matters. Maybe you can tell me what you're doing for 12 1782 federal court action against (inaudible). 13 Mr. Snyder. JP FINLAY: What is 1782 federal action mean? 14 JOE TACOPINA: Sure. I mean, we're pursuing 15 people who were behind this really horrific story 14 They have to tell the truth or something? 16 about Mr. Snyder. A series of horrific stories--15 JOE TACOPINA: It's a unique sort of thing 17 false stories, including an article that linked him 16 because it allows for evidence to be produced and 18 to Jeffrey Epstein. I mean, perhaps the worst thing 17 testimony to be taken with the court's permission in 19 you can do to an individual in this day and age is to 18 the United States for a foreign action. In this 20 associate one with Jeffrey Epstein, the poster child 19 instance, we sued for defamation in India. And so--21 for pedophilia, for sexual abuse. 20 JP FINLAY: Okay. 22 You know, Dan Snyder has nothing to do with JOE TACOPINA: --this will uncover evidence that 21 22 was captured here in the United States. And that's

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1 what that's about.

And really, you know, at this point, Mr. Snyder

- 3 will not stand by idly as criminals, for their own
- 4 malicious reasons, seek to soil his good name. And
- that's what these were, these were criminal acts,
- make no mistake about it. I'm not afraid to mince
- those words.
- But when people bribe people, and all for money
- 9 to present false stories about an individual, that's
- 10 a bribe. When people offer to wire money or do wire
- 11 money to perpetrate that fraud, that's a wire fraud.
- 12 When there's--
- JP FINLAY: But this sounds kind of crazy, 14 right? I mean, this sounds...
- JOE TACOPINA: It is crazy. And honestly, you 16 know, if we hadn't investigated it as thoroughly as 17 we had, it'd be hard for me to believe.
- And you really-- it's the level-- but I've also
- 19 seen something that is, you know, we sort of, I
- 20 think, take for granted, but Daniel Snyder's a real
- 21 person. He's a terrific-- he and his wife Tanya are
- 22 terrific people. They have three beautiful children.
- 1 They do a lot for their community. They do a lot of
- 2 philanthropic things. And to be-- come under attack
- 3 by people who have criminal intent and criminal
- 4 motive, and plant articles that are intended to
- destroy one's reputation and really hurt a family, is
- 6 something that I won't stand by idly. I'll come down
- like a legal hammer on anyone who's behind this, and
- we will get to who's behind this.
- But we know-- we have strong evidence that Mary 10 Ellen Blair was doing the bidding and complicit and
- 11 in the pocket of another-- at least one other
- 12 individual trying to defame Mr. Snyder.
- You know, we have--13
- 14 JP FINLAY: Who?
- 15 JOE TACOPINA: Who is what this is all about.
- 16 What the 1782 action was all about is who. We will
- 17 find out who through the course of this action. But,
- 18 you know, we have--
- JP FINLAY: And the next question is, why? 19
- JOE TACOPINA: That's another thing we hope to
- 21 find out in the course of this action. Look, I don't
- 22 want to speculate and for the purposes of our federal

- 1 court filings, I have to stay within the four corners
- of that. Obviously, we've done an investigation and I
- have my own beliefs and my own opinions, but before I
- opine, I want to have rock solid evidence.
- But, you know, there's a lot of things going on
- in Washington right now regarding the club, and there
- are people who may have some motives to falsely
- attack Mr. Snyder. I'm not going to speculate as to
- 9 who they are or what it is, but what I do know is
- 10 that this one individual this formal disgruntled
- 11 employee has spoken to various witnesses-- various
- 12 individuals in attempts to get them to provide false
- 13 information about Dan Snyder. Speak to the media and
- 14 offer them money to do so and basically remunerate
- 15 them for doing these sorts of things.
- We have sworn affidavits to back that up, and
- 17 we have audio tape recordings to back that up. So,
- 18 you know, we wouldn't be making these filings if we
- 19 weren't rock solid in our proof.
- JP FINLAY: This is major. There's a lot going
- 21 on here, and I'm not a legal mind. So, forgive me if
- 22 my questions are kind of elementary. Does of any of

this have anything to do with the 40% of the team

- that's up for sale? 3 JOE TACOPINA: You know, there's, again,
- there's, I think common sense will sort of play out.
- I think the evidence in this case will present us
- with who's behind this. But I can't-- I just won't.
- It wouldn't be appropriate for me to speculate or
- give my opinion on what this is about.
- 9 But, you know, I read some articles today in
- 10 various publications that sort of make that
- 11 connection. That's, you know, any journalist is free
- 12 to do that, I think. You know, they're using whatever
- 13 common sense they want to apply, but I'm not going to
- 14 do this at that time.
- 15 Again, this is-- the purpose of this is the
- 16 first step in this legal action to try to uncover
- 17 information as to who's behind this. This one
- 18 individual has identified people when speaking to
- 19 others, and we'll see. We're looking to get her under 20 oath and take some testimony.
- JP FINLAY: I mean, I know there was an article
- 22 in the New York Times. It's kind of specifically

- 1 about this. What do you say as the attorney for Dan
- when people ask, "Hey, if you just let this go,
- everybody will stop talking about it and it'll go
- 4 away"?
- JOE TACOPINA: You know what? Dan is quite a
- courageous individual. He's doing this, not only for
- himself and his family, but there's a whole host of
- other people out there, including other owners.
- I mean, just imagine every time you have a 10 dispute with someone or you want to try to put them
- 11 in a position of weaken stance or try to get them out
- 12 of an organization, you spread false rumors.
- But not rumors, horrifically inaccurate
- 14 slanderous stories about someone and get it
- 15 published, and then have that publication be
- 16 retweeted and reposted on the internet all over the
- 17 place. And your kids are reading and people are
- 18 approaching your kids and your wife.
- And so, you know what? Even if this story--
- 20 look, and that organization took that article down -
- 21 that Jeffrey Epstein article because it's false.
- 22 It's outrageous. It's defamatory. It's slanderous.
- 1 It's criminal. They took it down, but that's not the
- 2 end of it. Okay? Because now we're at the point now,
- 3 Dan will not stand by idly as these criminals, for
- 4 their own malicious reasons, whatever those reasons
- may be, seek to soil his good name through outrageous
- 6 lies. It's just not going to happen. I'm not going to
- let it happen and neither will he.
- JP FINLAY: All right, so, well, that's clear.
- 9 It's not going to happen. You're pursuing this thing.
- 10 The investigation you guys conducted. Is this happen-
- 11 I mean, this all happened within the last three
- 12 weeks or so? Or were you guys digging around on this
- 13 prior to the Washington Post report?
- Because the week where the world was waiting
- 15 for that Post report is when, at least on my end, the
- 16 amount of rumors started to go crazy. And I'll be
- 17 honest, I've never even heard of this meaww.com,
- 18 whatever they're called. I never saw the article, but
- 19 I know how things spread, especially on, you know,
- 20 Twitter, Facebook. If something's out there and it
- 21 starts getting shared, there's a butterfly effect
- 22 across a lot of mediums.

- But it does it not matter that it's some random
- website that nobody has heard of?
- JOE TACOPINA: It matters. Of course, it wasn't,
- you know, the New York Times, the Washington Post or

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- anything like that, NBCSports.com, but it was-- it
- was a publication that was put out there and that was
- picked up. And picked up to the point where it
- reached his home and his children and his wife and
- his friends and his community.
- 10 So, I don't care what the name of the
- 11 publication is. The fact that someone planted a false
- 12 story-- again, not just a false story, but a
- 13 horrifically damaging false story about Dan Snyder
- 14 that couldn't be further from the truth, is something
- 15 that, you know, we're going to hold them accountable
- 16 for because, again, these are crimes that were
- 17 committed. This is not just a--
- JP FINLAY: Well, and the allegation is that
- 19 they did this-- they paid their way to do this and
- 20 they did it as part of a larger conspiracy, right?
- 21 JOE TACOPINA: Yeah.
- 22 JP FINLAY: That's heavy duty.

10 JOE TACOPINA: We have proof that witnesses were

- offered money money to provide negative false
- information about Dan.
- JP FINLAY: I'm a journalist and I'm pretty much
- for sale on about everything. If you want me to start
- 6 reading ads for your law office on my podcast, I'm
- available, Joe. But none of us are available for hire
- to spread falsehoods, right?
- JOE TACOPINA: Those who are journalists, and
- 10 there is journalistic integrity and (inaudible)
- 11 reason, and we have an affidavit also about this
- 12 company in particular, this Meaww and how they
- 13 operate. It's, you know, obviously they're in India
- 14 and they're operating with very different
- 15 journalistic standards.
- And you know, the fact that they wrote a
- 17 horrific article like that, pulled it right down and
- 18 then came up with some, I mean, almost laughable
- 19 excuse as to what happened-- errors in reporting. I
- 20 mean, you know, it's not going to cut it. And we have
- 21 proof that that company is a disinformation machine
- 22 that is serving hired guns and concealed bitters.

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JP FINLAY: What's your goal with this thing?

- The goal is not to prosecute in India, right? I
- imagine you want everything to happen here in the old
- US of A?
- JOE TACOPINA: We are-- we did sue that company
- in India. That's for sure. But, yes, here's our goal,
- and here's Mr. Snyder and Tanya's goal and the Snyder
- family and anyone who cares about what's fair and
- 9 just and right. The goal is to ensure that the full
- 10 weight of the law comes down heavily on those
- 11 responsible for these heinous acts. That's the goal,
- 12 and that's what will happen. And then make sure that
- 13 people understand, if they even think about doing
- 14 something as stupid as this, they're going to have 15 hell to pay.
- 16 JP FINLAY: How did you narrow it down? Is it 17 Mary Ellen Blair? Do I have the name right?
- 18 JOE TACOPINA: That's one. Yes, that's right.
- 19 JP FINLAY: How did you zero in on her in such a 20 short time period?
- JOE TACOPINA: We have a good investigative 22 team. I mean, that's how we did it. But also--

- One of the critics would point to Dan and say
- he's been litigious throughout his term as ownership.

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- Even if this is entirely different than things in the
- past suing the city paper, suing season
- ticketholders, whatever do you think that's a
- problem for him to be seen as litigious?
- JOE TACOPINA: Look, I know who he is as a human
- being, as a person, as an owner, as-- I mean, he's
- one of the-- he's a great American success story. His
- 10 team is one of the greatest franchises in sports.
- And honestly, you know, what he's been
- 12 litigious about in the past, I've not been involved
- 13 in, so I really can't speak that. And I honestly
- 14 don't care about it.
- 15 What I care about is what happened here and the
- 16 facts that have been uncovered here are absolutely
- 17 outrageous. And really, I think anyone with courage
- 18 and the wherewithal to fight back, would fight back.
- 19 I've seen emotions-- raw emotions from that family
- 20 based on things that were written about him that were
- 21 not true. You know, it bothers me-- troubles me that
- 22 anyone should have to go through that no matter how

- JP FINLAY: Is that your background? Are you an
- investigative attorney?
- JOE TACOPINA: Yeah, I'm a former prosecutor.
- 4 But it's not so much me. We have a team of attorneys.
- Believe me, I'm the low guy on the totem pole when it
- 6 comes to the brainpower in this group here and when
- 7 it comes to the investigative skills of our team.
- But, you know, we have former law enforcement
- officials are part of our team who dug.
- 10 You know, a lot of this was real easy to find
- 11 because people came to us. People came to Dan and
- 12 said, you know, "I was approached and here's what
- 13 they said." And these people were willing to give
- 14 under oath sworn affidavits under the penalties of
- 15 perjury that what was said to them was truthful.
- 16 Other individuals recorded conversations.
- So, as I said, you know, we sit here pretty
- 18 confident about where this is going.
- JP FINLAY: Wow. This is-- I've been covering
- 20 the Washington Football Team in some capacity for 21 about 8 seasons and you never know what corner you're
- 22 going to turn next.

- 1 litigious they may be or may not be.
- But no one asked for this, and no matter what
- happens in a courtroom where people have legal
- disputes all the time, you know, you play by the
- rules. But this is not playing by the rules. If
- someone's trying to get a tactical advantage by
- trying to smear him, defame him, slander him, and
- thinks that somehow that's going to help in a legal
- 9 proceeding, they're wrong. And that's not how the 10 process works.
- JP FINLAY: Joe, I got to say, I really
- 12 appreciate your time. And I want to say this on the
- 13 record for posterity, I don't want to mess with you,
- 14 man. I don't want you-- I don't want to be on your
- 15 bad side.
- JOE TACOPINA: I'm here for you, JP, if you need
- 17 me, but I don't think you'll be in that position 18 ever, hopefully.
- JP FINLAY: I hope not too. Where are you? Are 20 you in New York? Are you DC? Where you based?
- 21 JOE TACOPINA: New York City. Yes.
- 22 JP FINLAY: How on earth are you a Canadians fan

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